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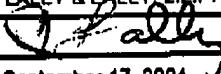
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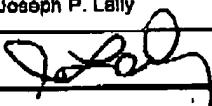
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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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| 1002 340 | 2002 170 | Design filing fee | |
| 1003 550 | 2003 285 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 770 | 2004 385 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 160 | 2005 80 | Provisional filing fee | |
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| Total Claims | Independent Claims | Multiple Dependent | Extra Claims -20** = | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
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| 1202 18 | 2202 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
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| 1203 280 | 2203 145 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 88 | 2204 43 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
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| 1052 60 | 2052 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 130 | 1053 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 2,520 | 1812 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 1804 920* | 1804 820* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 1,840* | 1805 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 110 | 2251 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
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| 1253 650 | 2253 475 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 1,480 | 2254 740 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 2,010 | 2255 1,005 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 330 | 2401 186 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 330 | 2402 185 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 290 | 2403 145 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 1,510 | 1451 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 110 | 2452 56 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1463 1,330 | 2453 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 1,330 | 2501 665 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 17, 2004

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
 Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the office action dated June 17, 2004 (the "Office Action") in the above referenced patent application after careful consideration to address the issues raised therein and to highlight why the case is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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